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THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PROFESSION.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,—An answer is due from me to the critics of my speech at Newcastle.

Dr. Lyth still has doubt as to the ability of the Association, not being a trade union, to take action which he groups generically as in "restraint of trade." I can only repeat that the Association has on many occasions been advised by eminent legal authorities, and very strongly by Messrs. Gore Browne and Slesser, that the efforts of the Association to induce members of the profession not to enter into contracts of various kinds or to determine contracts are strictly lawful, and the two counsel last named have specifically advised that neither the British Medical Association nor a trade union have any statutory rights to dictate the terms upon which employment shall be given or accepted, but that both, as private citizens, have the rights of private citizens, and are justified in holding and expressing opinions as to the interests of the body to which they belong. They have also advised that it is not unlawful for a number of doctors acting upon a common principle to refuse to meet another in consultation, and that if they act in good faith in what they consider to be the interests of their profession, no action would lie. I am afraid I cannot agree with Dr. Lyth that a medical trade union would find it any easier than any other organization to steer clear of an accusation of "malice." "People who play bowls must expect rubbers," and any organization in carrying out what it considers to be its duty must take its risks.

I am sorry if I understated the number of practitioners who followed the ill-starred advice of the Medico-Political Union in regard to the treatment of disabled soldiers. Of course I accept Dr. Lyth's statement that in some areas practitioners did carry out that advice. It is no less true, however, that the Union gave it in the teeth of the resolution of the Conference of Panel Committees; that practitioners as a whole declined to consider it; and that even members of the Union who followed it soon saw reason to drop it.

Dr. G. H. Jones evidently does not read his JOURNAL or he would know how much attention has been given by the Association to the rural insurance practitioner, as a consequence of which he has already obtained two grants, and his position is, I hope, well on the way to being placed on a really permanent and satisfactory footing.

I refer Dr. Jones to my explanation at Glasgow of the action of the Association in regard to the reduction of notification fees, which appeared in the last number of the SUPPLEMENT. He will find from this that his statement that the Association "appeared to acquiesce (in the reduction) quite passively" is, to put it moderately, a misstatement of the case. I do not understand his suggestion that the Scottish rural practitioner is allowed mileage while the English practitioner is not.

The only decline of membership in the Association in recent years was a sudden reaction after the Insurance Act fight, which everybody expected, and a drop when the Association raised its subscription. But the membership is rapidly advancing. In 1917 on balance the Association gained 1,889 members; in the first quarter of this year it has gained on balance 747 members; and its present membership is 22,812.

I leave others to deal with Dr. Jones's fancy portrait of the Association as a body "captured . . . by the consultant class and the politician medico, . . . who are far too superior to study the needs and welfare of the general practitioner." There *may* have been a time when the executive of the Association was dominated by the classes to which he refers, but it has not been within my memory. I can only say that at the present time all the executive bodies of the Association are to a very large extent manned by working general practitioners.—I am, etc.,

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to the report, in your issue of April 5th, of the Glasgow meeting addressed by Dr. Cox on "The Organization of the Profession." Remarks are there quoted as having been made during the discussion by "Dr. Bennett (Glasgow)." As there are only two members of the profession bearing that surname in this city, I claim, in fairness to myself, an opportunity to point out that I was not the author of the statements and that I do not wish to be associated with the sentiments expressed.—I am, etc.,

April 5th. CHARLES BENNETT, M.B.

FEE FOR NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

As has already been reported, the Association, on February 24th, asked Dr. Addison to receive a deputation on this question. We are authorized to state that he has promised to receive it on the earliest possible date after Easter.

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2., at 11 a.m.—By order,

W. E. WARNE,
Acting Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

March 13th, 1919.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Lieut. Commander: R. H. W. W. Biddulph to the *Argus*. G. B. Scott, D.S.O., to Plymouth Hospital. Surgeon Lieutenants: A. W. Cocking to the *Thistle*, A. R. Price to the *Cadmus*, R. M. R. Thursfield to M. 25 additional. Surgeon Lieutenants (temporary): S. Acheson to the *Dido*, D. P. Brown to the *Pekin*, B. S. Collings to the *Benbow*, W. P. Elford to the *Sandhurst*, N. C. Carter to the *Fisgard*, A. P. Spark to the *Triad*, R. Buddle to M. 25 additional, H. C. Apperly to the *Argonaut*, A. M. McGillivray to H.S. *Berbice*, F. P. N. Parsons to H.S. *St. Margaret of Scotland*.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary Colonels relinquish their temporary commissions on reposting: J. M. Cowan (Major R.A.M.C.T.F.), W. E. Hume, C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Colonel R.A.M.C.T.F.), F. D. Boyd, C.M.G. (Major R.A.M.C.T.F.).

Temporary Colonel T. R. Elliott, F.R.S., relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Colonel.

To be temporary Colonels: Temporary Majors C. H. Miller, July 8th, 1918 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, August 1st, 1918), W. P. S. Branson, Captain (acting Major) H. Burrows, R.A.M.C.T.F., January 15th, 1919 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, March 25th, 1919), Temporary Captain F. Fraser, January 13th, 1919 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, March 24th, 1919).

Captain (acting Major) H. Burrows, R.A.M.C.(T.F.), to be temporary Colonel, January 15th, 1919 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, March 25th, 1919).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel W. R. P. Goodwin, D.S.O., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Temporary Lieut.-Colonel C. J. Trimble, C.B., C.M.G. (Lieut.-Colonel and honorary Colonel T.F.Res.), relinquishes his temporary commission March 8th, 1919, and retains the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, March 24th, 1919).

Temporary Lieut.-Colonel T. E. Sandall, C.M.G. (Lieut.-Colonel Lincoln Regiment, T.F.), relinquishes his temporary commission.

Major M. C. Wetherell retires, receiving a gratuity, on account of ill health contracted on active service, March 1st, 1919, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette*, February 28th, 1919).

Major Henry Rogers, D.S.O., relinquishes the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on reposting.

Temporary Majors (acting Lieut.-Colonels) relinquish their temporary and acting rank on reposting: C. V. Bulstrode, D.S.O. (Major Shropshire R.H.A., T.F.), L. C. Bruce, M.C. (Captain R.A.M.C.T.F.).

Majors to be acting Lieutenant-Colonels: C. M. Drew, whilst in command of a medical unit; R. V. Cowey, D.S.O., whilst specially employed.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Major on reposting: Captain P. J. Ryan, M.C.; temporary Captains S. E. Martin, J. Greene, D.S.O., M.C.

To be acting Majors whilst specially employed: Captain J. S. McCombe, D.S.O.; temporary Captains A. H. M. Robertson, P. L. Watkin-Williams, D.S.O., J. P. Lowson.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of January 14th, 1919, regarding temporary Captain H. G. Rice is cancelled.

J. K. Watson, late temporary Captain, is granted the rank of Captain.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) J. W. G. H. Riddel, M.C., to be Captain.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: J. F. Paul, J. F. Jennings, A. W. Hare.

The following officers relinquish their commissions: Temporary Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Wright, on account of ill health, and retains the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Temporary Majors J. B. Stephens (and retains the rank of Major), J. N. Sergeant (on ceasing to be employed at the Great Ballard Hospital). Temporary Major N. H. Mummery, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Temporary Captains and granted the rank of Major: R. Tindall, M.C., E. G. Stanley, D. E. Crosbie, M.C., E. L. Dobson, A. E. Seller, J. A. Conway, D.S.O., M.C., M. J. Mottram, M. W. Littlewood, C. A. Brisco, M.C., J. D. Cooke, H. G. Kilner, C. C. Forsyth. Temporary Captains (on account of ill health contracted on active service, and retain the rank of Captain): J. W. Innes, O. Shields, G. McGregor, A. R. Snowdon, H. G. Wiltshire. Temporary Captains (on account of ill health, and retain the rank of Captain): E. E. Cassady, J. S. Parr, H. S. McLellan, R. T. Martin. Temporary Captains relinquish their commissions and retain the rank of Captain: H. M. Stephenson, M.C., P. A. Doyle, S. Southall, J. E. Sandilands, M.C., W. J. I. Dwyer, M. Turnbull, H. Spinks, A. Scott, H. H. Stones, I. C. Edwards, H. G. White, J. A. Valentine, H. T. Thomson, I. J. Williams, C. Aldis, V. H. Blake, T. B. Davies, H. P. Crampton, W. H. Butler, A. J. W. Cunningham, P. G. Foulkes, C. G. Colyer, J. C. Scott, O. E. Ward, J. E. Frere, W. Turner, L. D. Stamp, F. Talbot, M. White, J. C. Walker, M. C. Stark, F. P. Young, J. E. Scott, D. B. Davidson, A. E. M. Woolf, F. D. Scott, H. Gooch, R. Cox, G. C. Adency, N. R. Ussher, G. H. Shaw, S. H. Scott, L. Bathurst, C. R. Wilkins, A. L. White, F. Stevenson, G. Viner, A. F. S. Sladden, C. L. Forde, H. J. Van Praagh, H. F. Woods, L. L. Fyfe, W. J. Smyth, J. Dunbar, H. F. Bellamy, E. B. Collings, A. G. Wilkinson, M. E. Delafield, H. Fulham-Turner, P. Gully, W. W. Banham, C. J. W. Clayton, J. H. Aikman, J. A. Aitken, C. H. T. Ilott, G. A. Smythe, G. Wacher, F. M. Harvey, M.C., W. Salisbury, J. F. Bullar, T. A. Fall, S. A. Boyd, F. B. McCarter, M.C., E. J. Storer, W. G. E. Allen, W. F. Stevenson, A. J. Lewis, H. K. Macdonald, J. Brown-Sim, C. King, A. R. Finn, L. S. H. Glanville, J. H. Mason, J. R. McGilvray, L. Levene, C. A. Dottridge, J. R. Murray, M. Eager, W. F. Gibb, W. H. McWalter, R. H. Cox, E. B. Jardine, M.C., F. Hartley, A. C. Mann, M.C., A. B. Howitt, W. P. Jones, W. H. Laslett, E. S. Gooddy, R. N. Dunlop, A. G. Ede, K. McK. Duncan, G. I. Cumberlege, A. M. Laurie, G. L. Parsons, T. Drysdale, M. Colte, N. Garrard, A. H. Porter, L. H. Burner, W. A. Elwood, N. E. Sampey, J. B. Cunningham, S. G. Corner, C. E. Clay, F. H. Flack, W. H. Eggar, J. B. Banister, R. Fraser, R. W. Pearson, M.C., J. A. Berlyn, A. Fleming, D. L. Carmichael, W. K. Bell, G. Birch, F. E. L. Phillips, J. E. Payne, J. E. MacFarlane, P. S. Hunter, J. H. Kay, H. E. Batten, K. J. A. Davis, J. K. Willis, A. D. Millington, R. Franklin, A. G. Jenner, B. Graves, M.C., A. Morgan, W. B. Blandy, E. S. Molyneux, H. E. Barrett, E. E. S. J. Galbraith, S. K. Hutton, L. H. Butler, J. M. Taylor, F. A. M. Flegg, A. Mills, F. W. O'Connor, M. MacKenzie, A. J. Turner, B. Robertson, O. J. F. C. Greenidge, F. L. Sessions, C. G. Pugh, J. Lumb, P. M. Reid, T. P. Seymour, T. S. D. Enderby, C. G. Timms, M.C., R. A. Eastmond, C. M. Stallard, J. D. Pearson, J. E. McCartney, H. N. Matthews, E. H. Noney, C. C. Morgan, E. C. MacKay, T. H. Harker, A. T. Marshall, E. Tate, P. K. Muspratt, D. N. Knox, J. P. Shaw, A. J. May, H. B. Wickham, C. J. Brookes, and J. M. Young, M.C., and W. W. Fyfe, on ceasing to serve with the Home Hospitals Reserve. Temporary Lieutenants and retain the rank of Lieutenant: C. M. Smith, C. Fletcher, R. F. McN. Scott, W. Anderson, R. W. Gilmour, G. Holman. Temporary honorary Lieutenant A. H. Miller, on ceasing to be employed with the Welsh Hospital, Netley, and retains the honorary rank of Lieutenant.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Heald, C.B.E., to be Lieutenant-Colonel from S.O.

W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C. (Captain, acting Lieutenant-Colonel R.A.M.C.), is granted a temporary commission as Lieutenant-Colonel (November 22nd, 1918), with seniority from April 1st, 1918.

Captain C. F. A. Hereford to be Major.

Transferred to the unemployed list: Captains T. E. Mulvany, W. L. Scott, A. S. Glegg, (acting Major) H. Stedman, R. G. Maglione, A. L. Dykes, T. B. Dixon, P. W. McKeag, D. Guthrie, S. W. Fisher, W. F. Jones, A. G. H. Smart. Lieutenants G. A. Simmons, E. L. Bunting.

Captain J. W. Brash (R.A.M.C., S.R.) relinquishes his commission on account of ill health.

The notifications in the *London Gazette* of November 26th, 1918, concerning Captains H. H. Gellert and R. D. Neagle are cancelled.

The initials of Captain J. P. I. Harty are as now described and not as stated in the *London Gazette* of March 28th.

Granted temporary commissions as Lieutenants: R. H. Parry, R. L. Rhys, J. Kyle.

MEDICAL (ADMINISTRATIVE) BRANCH.

Captain H. R. B. Hull to be acting Major whilst specially employed.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel S. G. Barling is seconded whilst holding a temporary commission in the A.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel (acting Colonel) T. Fraser, D.S.O., relinquishes his acting rank on vacating the appointment as A.D.M.S.

Major W. F. McAllister-Hewlings to take rank and precedence in his corps and in the army as if his appointment as Major bore date January 7th, 1919.

Captain T. B. Layton, D.S.O., to be acting Major whilst specially employed.

Captain H. A. Sandiford, M.C., to be acting Major whilst specially employed.

The following officers relinquish their acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed: Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) G. W. Miller. Captains (acting Lieut.-Colonels) J. D. Fiddes, M.C., D. J. Scott, M.C., C. W. Eames, D.S.O., H. Seddon, A. J. Williamson, D.S.O. Captains (acting Majors) C. A. Raison, F. A. Roper, H. Drummond, J. Graham, R. Henry, S. J. C. Holden, A. E. Huxtable, F. S. Jackson, H. J. A. Longmore, W. F. Young, W. F. Mackenzie, F. Clayton, J. H. Blackburn, M.C., C. N. Smith, M.C., W. T. Ritchie, W. H. Morrison, M. S. Doubble, W. G. McKenzie, A. Cambell, I. C. Marshall.

1st Eastern General Hospital.—Captain S. W. Curl is restored to the establishment.

4th London Field Ambulance.—Captain (acting Lieut.-Colonel) T. B. Layton, D.S.O., relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed.

1st London Sanitary Company.—Lieutenants to be Captains: E. L. Gaunt, W. D. Dick.

2nd London Sanitary Company.—Captain D. H. Burleigh is restored to the establishment. Lieutenant F. Fletcher to be Captain.

2nd Scottish General Hospital.—Major D. J. Graham to be Lieut.-Colonel.

3rd Scottish General Hospital.—Major J. M. Cowan is restored to the establishment.

3rd Southern General Hospital.—Captain G. F. Murrell is restored to the establishment.

VOLUNTEER FORCE.

Kent R.A.M.C.(V.).—Temporary Major C. Killick resigns his commission.

Lancashire R.A.M.C.(V).—Temporary Captain J. Bauchop resigns his commission.

Northumberland R.A.M.C.(V.).—J. P. Philip to be temporary Major.

Sussex R.A.M.C.(V.).—Temporary Lieutenant S. P. Matthews to be temporary Captain, F. J. Nicholls to be temporary Lieutenant.

APPOINTMENTS.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS: G. F. V. Leary, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Castlederg District, co. Tyrone; W. G. Rogers, M.B., B.S.Lond., Broughton Astley District, co. Leicester; A. Toulmin, F.R.C.S.E., Preston (East) District, co. Lancaster.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTHS.

BAXTER.—On March 31st, 1919, at 17, The Crescent, Plymouth, the wife of Captain C. W. Woolloton Baxter, Indian Medical Service, of a daughter.

POLLARD.—On March 28th, at Belmont House, Cumberland Road, Bristol, the wife of John Pollard, M.B., B.Ch., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CRAWSHAW—HOGARTH.—At Trinity Church, Kelso, on April 2nd, 1919, by the Rev. T. Craufurd Kirkwood, Captain George Crawshaw, M.C., R.A.M.C.(T.), fifth son of Dr. B. Crawshaw of Barwood Mount, Ramsbottom, Lancs, to Mary Wilson Scott, elder daughter of the late John Hogarth, Kelso Mills, and of Mrs. Hogarth, Galalaw, Kelso.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Monday, 8.30 p.m., Clinical Evening.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—Special General Meeting of Fellows, Tuesday, 5 p.m. *Section of Therapeutics and Pharmacology:* Tuesday, 4.30 p.m., Annual Meeting. Dr. Bossan (Paris): A New Treatment for Pulmonary Tuberculosis. *Section of Pathology:* Tuesday, 8.30 p.m., Annual Meeting. Dr. E. H. Kettle: Polymorphism of the Malignant Epithelial Cell. Dr. J. Burton Cleland: The Conveyance of Human Acute Infective Polioencephalo-myelitis to Monkeys, Sheep, a Calf, and a Foal (communicated by Professor C. J. Martin, F.R.S.). Dr. W. E. Bullock and Dr. W. Cramer: Mechanism of Bacterial Infections. Dr. J. McIntosh: Serum Therapy in Gas Gangrene. Mr. S. G. Shattock: Appendicular Contents and Concretion. Demonstration by Dr. J. A. Murray. *Section of History of Medicine:* Wednesday, 5 p.m. Dr. Leonard Mark: The Medical Aspects of Montaigne.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
	APRIL.
12 Sat.	London: Medical Research and Laboratory Workers Sub committee, 11 a.m.
16 Wed.	London: **Council Meeting, 11 a.m.**

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